ZDENEK MAREK

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Mr. McCarran, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 178]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 178) for the relief of Zdenek Marek, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

AMENDMENT

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That for the purposes of the immigration and naturalization laws, Zdenek Marek shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this Act. upon payment of the required visa fee and head tax. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such alien as provided for in this Act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota control officer to deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The bill, as amended, grants the status of permanent residence to a 25-year-old native of Czechoslovakia who was admitted into the United States as a student on July 13, 1949. The bill requires the payment of the head tax and visa fee and provides for the usual quota deduction.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A letter dated September 19, 1950, addressed to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Deputy Attorney General with reference to S. 3183 which was a bill introduced in the Eighty-first Congress, for the relief of the same alien, reads as follows:

SEPTEMBER 19, 1950.

Hon. PAT McCARRAN,

Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice with respect to the bill (S. 3183) for the relief of Zdenek

Marek, an alien.

The bill would provide that Zdenek Marek, who was admitted into the United States on a student's visa, shall be considered as having been lawfully admitted to this country for permanent residence upon the payment of the required tax and visa fee. It would also direct the Secretary of State to instruct the quotacontrol officer to deduct one number from the nonpreference category of the appropriate immigration quota.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department discloses that Zdenek Marek was born on October 16, 1925, in Prostejov, Czechoslovakia. He entered the United States at the port of New York on July 13, 1949, when he was admitted as a student to July 30, 1950. In applying for a student's visa at Stockholm, Sweden, the alien stated that he was stateless and listed his last permanent residence as Arsta, Sweden.

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It appears that the alien who was a member of the Czech Olympic hockey team, came to the attention of "Prince" and "Buzz" Johnson, brothers, and students at the University of North Dakota, when they were with the United States Olympic hockey team in Sweden in the spring of 1949. Upon their return to this country the Johnson brothers interested the Grand Forks, N. Dak., Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary Clubs in helping to bring the alien to the United States in order that he might attend the University of North Dakota, and become a member of the local hockey team. It is claimed that Mr. Marek left the Czech hockey team in Sweden and refused to return to Czechoslovakia because he was not a member of the Communist Party, which was then in power in his native country, the alien stating that his life would be in jeopardy there. His parents, and a brother and sister are living in Czechoslovakia.

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The alien is presently enrolled in the Arts College at the University of North Dakota. He is dependent upon his fraternity for support and the university

allows him free tuition.

The quota for Czechoslovakia is oversubscribed and a visa is not readily obtainable, but the record fails to disclose sufficient reason to justify granting this alien a preference over other persons chargeable to the same quota. Accordingly, this Department is unable to recommend enactment of the bill.

Yours sincerely,

PEYTON FORD, Deputy Attorney General.

The committee files contain the following additional information with reference to the case:

> UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA, Grand Forks, April 26. 1950.

Senate Judiciary Committee, Room 424-A, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: I am submitting the following information with reference to bill S. 3183 for the relief of Zdenek Marek:

1. Zdenek Marek left Czechoslovakia on February 9, 1949, with the national hockey team of that country to play in the World Olympic Hockey Tournament in Sweden. While he was in Sweden he decided to hide out so that he would in Sweden. While he was in Sweden he decided to hide out so that he would not have to return to Communist dominated Czechoslovakia. He became acquainted with two American hockey players, Milton and Russell Johnson, both of the University of North Dakota. They promised to assist him in securing a visa so that he might come to this country to study. He was granted a scholarship by the University of North Dakota. He was given a student visa on July 12, 1949, to come to this country. He arrived in Grand Forks, N. Dak., by plane on July 12, 1949 on July 12, 1949.

2. At the present time Zdenek Marek is a full-time student at the University of North Dakota. He has maintained an excellent scholastic average and is now in the upper 20 percent of his class. The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity has sponsored him. He is now a member of that fraternity.

3. He is given his board and room by the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and has been granted a scholarship by the University of North Dakota.

4. Zdenek Marek is an exceptional student. He participates in worth-while activities on the campus of the university. He is a faithful member of his church, fraternity, and other organizations. From all his activities he has indicated that he will be a fine American citizen. He is a member of the freshman hockey team at the university and next year he will be a member of the varsity team. He also participates in tennis and other athletic sports.

5. He has never been convicted on any offense under the Federal or State law.

Sincerely,

J. LLOYD STONE, Director Alumni Association and University Employment.

The bill has been amended to conform with the policy of the committee in granting permanent residence in the United States to an alien as of the date of the adjustment rather than as of the date of last entry into the United States.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 178), as amended, should be enacted.